



# NEW ZEALAND POLICE GAZETTE.

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A "POLICE GAZETTE" for the colony is published at Wellington.

All communications concerning this *Gazette* shall be addressed to the Commissioner of Police, Wellington, and the envelope marked "For *Gazette*." Members of the Force in charge of out-stations will forward them *direct*. They must be of police interest, or no notice will be taken of them.

The non-delivery of the *Gazette* at any station to be promptly reported, and pressing inquiry made to trace the same.

**CRIME REPORTS.**—A copy of each crime report shall be immediately forwarded to the Commissioner's Office for *Gazette* purposes.

**WARRANTS.**—All reports of crime must state whether a warrant has been issued for the arrest of the offender, and by whom and where. Should a warrant not have been issued in the first instance, but one be subsequently obtained, a supplementary report announcing the issue must be immediately forwarded to all places where the original report has been sent. The supplementary report should give the date of the original crime report, or quote the date and page of the *Police Gazette* in which the previous notice has appeared. Persons reporting crimes shall be requested to obtain warrants whenever practicable.

Offenders should be accurately described: their native country, usual occupation, age, height, dress, and every particular likely to lead to their arrest and identification minutely given.

**NAMES.**—It is particularly requested that in all crime reports the names of persons and places may be spelt correctly and written legibly, the Christian name being given with the surname whenever possible, and written in full to prevent mistakes.

**STRAY CATTLE, ETC.**—No advertisement of lost horses or cattle will be published in this *Gazette* unless they be Government property; but notices of horses or cattle believed to be stolen will be inserted.

**PROPERTY DESCRIBED.**—The age, height, breed, colour, particular marks, value, &c., of horses should be given, and the brands imitated as nearly as possible, and their exact position stated. Cattle and sheep should also be carefully described, and earmarks given distinctly, in *writing*. In forwarding the brands of horses and cattle per telegram it should be stated of what kind of letters the brands consist, whether of Roman capitals or in *writing*. In describing watches it should be stated whether they are open-faced, hunting, double-cased, or half-hunting, the term "double-cased" being reserved for those watches whose outer case is removed in order to wind, "half-hunting" implying a very small glass in the metal cover of the dial. All property should be described as minutely as possible.

**PREVIOUS REFERENCES.**—It is requested that in all reports respecting cases gazetted members of the Force will be good enough to quote the date and page of the *Police Gazette* in which the previous notice has appeared, and in reporting arrests to state by whom effected. Supplementary reports of cases already reported, but not gazetted, where arrests are made or stolen property recovered, should at once

be forwarded to the Commissioner's Office, and should contain such information as will clearly identify the case.

**CIRCULATION OF CRIME REPORTS.**—The officers in charge of districts will be held responsible for the proper circulation of reports relating to crimes committed in their respective districts. Where there is reason to believe that the offender is proceeding towards any particular part of the colony, the police of the district in which the crime was committed should report the fact to the police of that place with the least possible delay. They should also communicate without delay with the police of any part of the colony from which it is thought probable that important information regarding any offender can be obtained.

The arrest of offenders described in the *Police Gazette*, or respecting whom crime reports have been forwarded for insertion in the *Gazette*, should be promptly notified by the member of the Force effecting the arrest.

When notifying the arrest of persons charged with larceny, or suspected of larceny, it should be stated whether the property stolen, or any portion of it, has been recovered.

A description of property, supposed to be stolen, found in the possession of offenders, for which owners cannot be found, should be furnished for insertion in the *Gazette*.

**REWARDS.**—No notice of rewards offered by any private person or persons will be inserted in the *Police Gazette* unless there be forwarded to the Commissioner's Office the guarantee of some responsible person that the reward shall be payable to the person who performs the service for which it is offered. If such notice be communicated by telegraph, the addition of the words "Guarantee received" will be sufficient; in such case, however, the guarantee must be forwarded to the Commissioner's Office without delay.

### Arson.

**GREYTOWN NORTH.**—On the 5th ultimo an unoccupied building, the property of William James Hirschberg and his sister, and known as Hirschberg's old brewery, was set on fire, the flames, however, being discovered and extinguished before much damage was done. It was insured in the Royal Office for £200, but its value is not considered to be more than £50. At an inquest held on the 23rd ultimo a verdict was returned that the building was wilfully set on fire by some person or persons unknown, a rider being added to the effect that greater caution should be exercised by insurance companies in taking risks on unoccupied buildings.

**LYELL.**—About midnight of the 9th ultimo the shop of Frederick Feddersen, butcher, was wilfully set on fire in two places, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done. The shop was old, of little value, and not insured, and it is supposed to have been set fire to with the object of destroying the Government Buildings adjoining.

### Offences not Otherwise Described.

**HUNTLY (WAIKATO).**—Miss Ellen Taylor, Taupiri, reports that about 9 p.m. on the 20th ultimo she was assaulted by two men, who seized her by the throat and knocked her down. One of the offenders is 5ft. 8in. or 9in. high, the